

CICS V5



Welcome to the new CICSbuzz! - We hope you like the new format! This edition of CICSbuzz is an events special to help you prepare and get excited about the first two major conferences of the year. To find out more about why you should attend, and some handy information to make your event experience easier, keep reading...



InterConnect 2016- 21st to 25th February, Las Vegas

InterConnect is IBM's premier Cloud & Mobile conference, providing hands-on training & first class talks from leading technology experts. With something for everyone, from Application developers to (z) Systems Programmers, this promises to be a conference to remember.

Make sure you don't miss out by registering [here](#)

CICS Essentials

Discover

- CICS Family Introduction #3987 ● Mon 12:00
- CICS Transaction Server 5: Technical Overview #3991 ● Mon 13:30
- WYNTK about CICS - Start to Finish #1683 ● Tue 14:30

Explore

- WYNTK about IBM WebSphere Liberty on CICS: A Client's Viewpoint #3994 ● Mon 15:00
- WYNTK about CICS Cloud #3997 ● Mon 16:30
- WYNTK about CICS and DevOps #3992 ● Tue 08:30
- WYNTK about CICS Mobile and RESTful Services #4374 ● Tue 10:00
- WYNTK about CICS Performance #2884 ● Tue 12:00
- Real-Life Project: How Walmart Exploits CICS as a Self-Service Portal #4750 ● Wed 10:00
- Real-Life Project: How Sparda-Datenverarbeitung Uses IBM WebSphere Liberty with CICS #1500 ● Wed 14:30

Connect

- Modernizing CICS Hands-On Lab: Are You Ready to Get Your Hands Dirty? #5372 ● Mon 13:30 [2 hrs]
- CICS Interactive Customer Roundtable #5332 ● Tue 08:30
- CICS PED: Scalable Mixed Language Application Serving for IBM z Systems

ROOM KEY

- IBM North Islander Room F
- IBM North Oval Seekers B
- ★ Solution EXPO
- ✚ MGM Grand Room 320

InterConnect
Las Vegas, February 2016

CICS Session Menus

To help our CICS users make the most of this opportunity, we're putting together tailored session menus so you don't miss a thing. Check out the CICS Essentials, zAPI, DevOps and ITSM menus [here >](#)

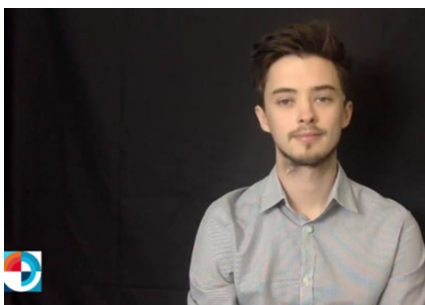
ITSM Session Menus

Whatever sub-systems you run on z Systems, these IT Service Management sessions will help you to get the most from them. Whether your interests lie in Monitoring and Automation, IT Analytics, or sub-system tools, you'll find what you're looking for [here >](#)

Date/Time	Location	Session #	Session Title	Add to Agenda
Mon 23 rd Feb 11am - 12pm	Islander C	DEM-1779	Mobile to Mainframe: Accelerating Continuous Delivery for Enterprise Systems	Click to Add Session
Mon 23 rd Feb 2pm - 3pm	Islander C	DEM-4399	Panel Discussion: DevOps Best Practices for Systems of Engagement and Systems of Record	Click to Add Session
Mon 23 rd Feb 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Islander C	DEM-1938	How Nationwide Insurance is Adopting DevOps for Two-Speed IT Systems	Click to Add Session
Mon 23 rd Feb 5pm - 6pm	Islander C	DS2-2378	Mobilizing the Mainframe to Provide Patient Monitoring and Peace of Mind	Click to Add Session
Tues 24 th Feb 2pm - 3pm	Islander H	DS2-4105	CMHC Boosts Productivity and Up-Skills Developers with the IBM's SDz	Click to Add Session
Tues 24 th Feb 5:30pm - 6:30pm	Islander C	DEM-1833	Calculating Enterprise DevOps Return on Investment: Insight from H&M Health Solutions	Click to Add Session
Wed 25 th Feb 8am - 9am	Islander C	DS2-3989	MB Group Improves Agility by Migrating from CA Enduser to ETC in Under 6 Months	Click to Add Session
Wed 25 th Feb 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Islander C	DEM-2544	Fidelity: Building z/OS Test Capacity in a Private Cloud with RDBT for z	Click to Add Session
Wed 25 th Feb 5:30pm - 6:30pm	Islander C	DEM-5150	Scaling Continuous Delivery in Complex IT Landscapes at Discover Financial Services	Click to Add Session
Thu 26 th Feb 10:30am-11:30am	Islander C	DEM-1892	How BPI Bridges Dev Silos to Achieve Business Impact & Transformational Change	Click to Add Session

DevOps Session Menus

The best to see and attend at InterConnect 2016 for those interested in Enterprise multi-platform development & delivery. So, if you develop applications for CICS, IMS, WAS, or z/OS, check out what's happening in the zDevOps world [here >](#)



Top 3 reasons to attend InterConnect 2016

1. Top quality CICS sessions
2. Fantastic speakers!
3. Incredible networking opportunity

[View the full video here >](#)

SHARE
San Antonio, February 2016



SHARE 2016- 28th February to 1st March San Antonio

Why not keep your conference experience going? With SHARE taking place the week after InterConnect, this user group conference is a fantastic place to expand your technical knowledge and enhance your skills.

Amongst the beginners and deep dive technical sessions delivered by CICS technical experts, there are many technical client sessions covering a range of topics.

Find the full agenda [here >](#)

Don't miss out on the Lunch 'n' Learn on Thursday, March 3 between 12:30pm - 1:30pm where Ian Mitchell presents "Your next customer is a developer - are you ready for the API revolution?"

And don't forget, this conference isn't just about you learning, it also gives an opportunity for you to help to design future CICS releases in the "CICS designing the future" session, hosted by CICS TS Offering Manager, Andy Bates.

Get involved and sign up now here

Upcoming Events

GSE Nordic, Reykjavik Iceland 1st to 5th June

Set in Iceland's lively coastal capital, GSE Nordic is both a deep technical conference for specialists and also a great learning resource for application developers and architects. If you want to update your knowledge on new CICS and Mainframe features, Reykjavik is the place to be. Register for the conference [here >](#)

IMS Symposium

The IMS Technical Symposium will be held from March 7th to March 10th at the Dorint Pallas Hotel, Wiesbaden, Germany. This event is intended for worldwide IMS technical professionals including IBM clients, IBM Business Partners, Independent Software Vendors, System Integrators and IBM Employees. Register for the symposium [here >](#)



zTech comes to you

If you can't get to Las Vegas for SHARE then why not look at zTech on the road where technical experts deliver their mainframe knowledge to you. These three-day events are held in many locations across North

America including: Atlanta, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, and Austin; between April and November 2016. For more information, or to register for any of these locations, click [here >](#)

z Systems Technical University, Munich Germany 13th to 16th June

Keen to grow your z Systems skills with in-depth technical training? Attend IBM z Systems Technical University to learn more about the power of IBM Systems solutions and expand your knowledge and expertise on CICS and other z System products. More details will be available [here >](#)

Something to read...



The CICS Journey Continues...

Nick Garrod, CICS Marketing Enablement Specialist, illustrates the 3 core steps in the last few years of the CICS 46 year journey: Service Agility, Operational Efficiency, and Cloud with DevOps.

To learn more about the evolution of our enterprise-grade, mixed-language application server and our recent announcement of CICS TS V5.3 and CICS Tools V5.3 follow this [link to the Enterprise Tech Journal >](#)

And Finally a Quick Poll

How many of you are using CICS Explorer?

Yes, I use CICS Explorer

No, I don't use CICS Explorer

How did we do today?

Your feedback is extremely important to us. Please take a second to rate this edition of CICSbuzz!

Very good

Okay

Could do better

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